

LOCAL HOCHSCHILD HOMOLOGY OF HILBERT-SCHMIDT OPERATORS ON SIMPLICIAL SPACES

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1. ABSTRACT

Local Hochschild, cyclic Homology and K -theory were introduced by N. Teleman in [10] with the purpose of unifying different settings of the index theorem. This paper is one of the research topics announced in [10], §10. The definition of these new objects inserts the Alexander-Spanier idea for defining the co-homology [8] into the corresponding constructions. This is done by allowing only chains which have *small* support about the diagonal. This definition, applicable at least in the case of the Banach sub-algebras of the algebra of bounded operators on the Hilbert space of L_2 -sections in vector bundles, differs from various constructions due to A. Connes [1], A. Connes, H. Moscovici [2], M. Puschnigg [7], J. Cuntz [4].

In this paper we prove that the *local* Hochschild homology of the Banach algebra of Hilbert-Schmidt operators on any countable, locally finite homogeneous simplicial complex X is naturally isomorphic the Alexander-Spanier homology of the space X , Theorem 1. This result may be used to compute the *local* periodic cyclic homology of the algebra of Hilbert-Schmidt operators on such spaces X . The same result should hold in the case of the algebra of trace class operators L^1 as well as in the case of smoothing operators $s \in L^1$.

In addition, the tools we introduce in this paper should apply also for computing the *local* Hochschild and periodic cyclic homology of the Schatten class ideals L^p , at least for the other values $1 < p < 2$.

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2. INTRODUCTION

The main result of this paper concerns the computation of the *local* continuous Hochschild homology of the Banach algebra of Hilbert-Schmidt operators on countable, locally finite homogeneous simplicial complexes X . Theorem 1 states that it is naturally isomorphic the Alexander-Spanier homology of the space X . This result complements [10] Proposition 26 which states that the *local* continuous Hochschild homology of the algebra of trace class operators on smooth manifolds is at least as big as the Alexander-Spanier homology of the manifold. While the proof of [10] Proposition 26 used the Connes-Moscovici [2] Theorem 3.9, the treatment we present here is independent of it.

We recall that the need to consider *local* homological objects [10] comes from at least two directions. On the one side, -i) the Hochschild and cyclic homology, as well as the topological K -theory of the Banach algebra of bounded operators and various Schatten classes of compact operators on the Hilbert space of L_2 sections on a space X is trivial, see e.g. [1], [2], [4]; on the other side, -ii) although the Alexander-Spanier homology appears naturally in these papers, see [2], its entrance into the theory does occur dually, in the co-homological context.

The triviality of the homologies in -i) is not surprising because the Banach algebras involved are independent of the space onto which they operate and therefore they do not *see* the space. This situation is similar to the phenomenon which occurs into the construction of the Alexander-Spanier co-homology [8] before imposing a control onto the supports of the chains (see §8.1 for more details). Our definition of *local* Hochschild homology inserts in its construction the Alexander-Spanier idea of control on the supports. Theorem 1, proves that building into the theory the control over the support of the chains allows one to obtain the right result.

The paper is essentially self-contained. To facilitate the reading of this paper, the paper provides the basic necessary prerequisites. The description of the structure and techniques of the paper follow.

Our computation of the Hochschild and *local* Hochschild homology of the algebra of Hilbert-Schmidt operators is based on a wavelet description of both.

In §4 we gave some basic facts about Hilbert-Schmidt operators. To start our considerations we choose an ortho-normal base in the Hilbert space of L_2 -functions on each maximal dimension simplex of the simplicial complex X . In the §10 we pass to analyse the *local* part of the argument. Here we see that having to consider smaller and smaller supports of the chains we are forced to consider finer and finer subdivisions of X with the corresponding ortho-normal Hilbert bases, which explains the wavelets structure stated above.

§5 recalls the basic definitions of the Hochschild homology.

§6 introduces the basic algebraic constructions of the paper. The continuous Hochschild complex over the algebra of Hilbert-Schmidt operators is decomposed in two sub-complexes (Proposition 7): the sub-complex $C_*^0(HS)$ generated by all chains which possess a *gap* in the kernel (Definition 4) and the *diagonal* sub-complex $C_*^\Delta(HS)$ generated by kernels without gaps.

In §6.1 the operator s is defined on the sub-complex $C_*^0(HS)$. Lemma 9 states that this sub-complex is acyclic. Therefore, the Hochschild homology of the algebra of Hilbert-Schmidt operators is the homology of the diagonal sub-complex $C_*^\Delta(HS)$.

The elements of the diagonal sub-complex $C_*^\Delta(HS)$ have a simple description, see (14). Its elements present a *continuity* of the wavelets description (both, in terms of supports and elements of the ortho-normal base), in which a *trailing* phenomenon, both in terms of the supports and elements of the ortho-normal basis manifests.

In §6.2 we introduce the homotopy operator S on the diagonal complex, Definition 10. It shows that the identity mapping is homotopic to an operator θ . The operator θ replaces (in the expression of the first tensor-factor of the chain) any element of the ortho-normal base with a chosen element I of the ortho-normal base, see Proposition 13. Each time the

operator θ is applied, just one of the elements of the ortho-normal base is replaced with the fixed element I . After $p + 1$ such modifications, any p -chain of the diagonal complex becomes homotopic to a chain which uses only the chosen element I , on each maximal simplex of the space X , see Proposition 27 i). Such elements form a sub-complex of the diagonal complex. We call it *reduced diagonal complex* and we denote it by $C_*^I(HS)$.

The homology of the reduced diagonal complex is analysed by means of a new homotopy operator, \tilde{S} , defined on this the sub-complex, see formula (49). The operator \tilde{S} is essentially the operator S multiplied by a polynomial in the operator θ . Theorem 28 states further that the homology of the reduced diagonal complex is isomorphic to the homology of the diagonal complex, and therefore it gives the Hochschild homology of the algebra of Hilbert-Schmidt operators.

We stress that, so far, we have not made any assumption on the supports of the chains. However, the homotopy operators s and S are local. For this reason, when we will need to keep track of the supports of the chains, willing to keep them small, we will still be able to use them.

In the same §6 we introduce the Notation 14, which will lead our steps toward the understanding of the parallelism between Hochschild homology of the algebra of Hilbert-Schmidt operators and the Alexander-Spanier homology. This would help us to understand, in particular, in topological terms, why the Hochschild homology, with no control on the supports of the chains, is trivial, Theorem 29. On the other side, this will help us to explain too, in §10, why by considering *small* supports, both in the Hochschild homology complex and Alexander-Spanier complex, allows one to obtain the isomorphism between them.

In §8 we discuss Alexander-Spanier co-homology §8.1 and homology §8.2.

In §8.3 we show that the reduced diagonal complex, with no control on the supports, is isomorphic to the Alexander-Spanier homology complex, with no control on the supports; therefore, they are trivial.

In §7 we check that the operators we employ in our constructions keep us inside the continuous Hochschild complex.

§9 we take care of the supports, both in the Hochschild and Alexander-Spanier complexes. Here we introduce a compatible simplicial filtration in both complexes. This filtration although interesting, is not used further in this paper.

Finally, in §10 we define carefully the *local* Hochschild homology of the algebra of Hilbert-Schmidt operators and we show that it is isomorphic to the Alexander-Spanier homology. At this level the wavelets phenomenon appears more clearly.

The basic homotopies and isomorphisms discussed in §6-9 are local and therefore they pass to the *local* Hochschild and Alexander-Spanier homology complexes. The only difference, which appears by passing to the *local* structures, occurs in the homology of the Alexander-Spanier homology, which is trivial if no control is imposed on the supports and changes to the singular homology of the space, if the support controls are imposed.

The whole description of the *local* Hochschild homology we present here helps us to better understand how the *wavelets* pieces of the kernel of operators organise themselves to provide topological information.

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3. THE MAIN RESULT.

Theorem 1. *The local continuous Hochschild homology of the algebra of real, resp. complex, Hilbert-Schmidt operators on the countable, locally finite, homogeneous n -dimensional simplicial space X is naturally isomorphic to the real, resp. complex, Alexander-Spanier homology of X .*

Proof. The rest of this paper is devoted to the proof of this theorem. \square

4. PRELIMINARIES AND NOTATION

4.1. The Space. Hilbert-Schmidt Kernels and Operators. Let X be a connected, locally finite, countable simplicial set of dimension n . Let Δ_α , $\alpha \in \Lambda$, denote all n -dimensional simplices of X . We assume that any simplex of X is contained in an n -dimensional simplex of X ; such a simplicial complex will be called *homogeneous*. In particular, X might be an n -dimensional pseudo-manifold or manifold. We assume that each simplex Δ_α is endowed with a Lebesgue measure μ_{Δ_α} .

Let $\{e_\alpha^n\}_{n \in N}$ be an ortho-normal basis of L_2 real/complex valued functions on Δ_α . In the Introduction its elements were referred to as wavelets.

Then the complex conjugates $\{\bar{e}_\alpha^n\}_{n \in N}$ form too an ortho-normal basis of $L_2(\Delta_\alpha)$.

A Hilbert-Schmidt kernel on X is an L_2 -function on $X \times X$. It is given by an L_2 -convergent series

$$(1) \quad K = \sum_{\alpha\beta, ij} K_{ij}^{\alpha\beta} (e_\alpha^i \times \bar{e}_\beta^j)$$

with real/complex coefficients $K_{ij}^{\alpha\beta}$. Given the Hilbert-Schmidt kernel K , the decomposition (1) is unique.

A Hilbert-Schmidt kernel of type $(e_\alpha^i \times \bar{e}_\beta^j)$ will be called *elementary*.

Any Hilbert-Schmidt kernel K defines a bounded Hilbert-Schmidt operator $Op(K) : L_2(X) \rightarrow L_2(X)$

$$(2) \quad (Op(K)\phi)(x) := \int_X K(x, y) \phi(y) d\mu(y).$$

The composition of two elementary Hilbert-Schmidt operators is given by

$$(3) \quad OpK_1 \circ OpK_2 = OpK,$$

where

$$(4) \quad K(x, z) = \int_X K_1(x, y) K_2(y, z) d\mu(y).$$

This kernel K is by definition the composition of the kernels K_1, K_2 , written $K = K_1 \circ K_2$. In other words,

$$(5) \quad Op(K_1 \circ K_2) = Op(K_1) \circ Op(K_2).$$

In particular,

$$(6) \quad (e_\alpha^i \times \bar{e}_\beta^j) \circ (e_\gamma^k \times \bar{e}_\eta^l) = \delta^{jk} \delta_{\beta\gamma} (e_\alpha^i \times \bar{e}_\eta^l),$$

where δ^{jk} and $\delta_{\beta\gamma}$ are the Kronecker symbols.

The Hilbert-Schmidt operators form an associative algebra denoted $HS(X)$.

The algebra of Hilbert-Schmidt operators is the Schatten class L^2 of compact operators on the separable Hilbert space $H = L_2(X)$.

5. HOCHSCHILD AND *Local* HOCHSCHILD HOMOLOGY OF HILBERT-SCHMIDT OPERATORS.

We recall the basic definitions regarding the Hochschild homology of associative algebras A . In this paper we compute the *local* Hochschild homology of the algebra $A = HS(X)$. *Local* Hochschild homology was defined by Teleman [10]. It is the analogue of the Alexander-Spanier construction implanted into the Hochschild complex. This is done by considering only Hochschild chains which have small support about the main diagonal of the powers of the space X .

In the §5-7 of the paper we introduce certain algebraic constructions within the Hochschild complex of this algebra, ignoring the supports of the chains. It is important to stress here that all algebraic manipulations we introduce are *local* and therefore, they are well defined in the *local* Hochschild complex. These will enable us, at the end of this paper, in §10, to complete the computation of the *local* Hochschild homology of the algebra of Hilbert-Schmidt operators and to connect it naturally with the Alexander-Spanier homology.

The vector space of Hochschild p -chains of the algebra $HS(X)$ with values in itself is by definition

$$(7) \quad C_p(HS(X)) = \otimes_C^{p+1} HS(X).$$

The Hochschild boundary $b_{(p)} : C_p(HS(X)) \longrightarrow C_{p-1}(HS(X))$ is

$$(8) \quad b_{(p)} = \sum_{k=0}^{p-1} b_{(p)k} + b_{(p)p}$$

where

$$(9) \quad b_{(p)k} = (-1)^k \partial_k^H, \text{ and } b_{(p)p} = (-1)^p \partial_p^H$$

with

$$(10) \quad \partial_{(p)k}^H (K_0 \otimes_C K_1 \otimes_C \dots \otimes_C K_p) = K_0 \otimes_C \dots \otimes_C K_{k-1} \otimes_C (K_k \circ K_{k+1}) \otimes_C \dots \otimes_C K_p$$

and

$$(11) \quad \partial_{(p)p}^H (K_0 \otimes_C K_1 \otimes_C \dots \otimes_C K_p) = (K_p \circ K_0) \otimes_C K_1 \otimes_C \dots \otimes_C K_{p-1}.$$

The operator $b_{(p)k}^H$ is called *Hochschild face operator of order k* . When no confusion occurs, the index (p) , indicating the degree of chains, could be omitted.

Definition 2. Let $K = K_0 \otimes_C K_1 \otimes_C \dots \otimes_C K_p$ where each of the factors K_i is elementary. Then K is called elementary chain.

When the ground algebra A is a locally convex topological algebra, it is customary to replace the algebraic tensor products by projective tensor products, see Connes [1]. The homology of the corresponding completed complex is called continuous Hochschild homology of the algebra A . In this paper we consider the completion $\bar{C}_p(HS)$ defined below.

Definition 3. Let $\bar{C}_p(HS)$ denote the space of L_2 -functions on $(X \times X)^{p+1}$.

All considerations made in the sequel refer to the computation of the homology of the completed complex $\{\bar{C}_*(HS), b\}_*$.

The elementary chains form an ortho-normal basis of the Hilbert space $\bar{C}_p(HS)$. To simplify the notation we agree to denote $\bar{C}_p(HS)$ by $C_p(HS)$.

6. ALGEBRAIC CONSTRUCTIONS

Definition 4. Let K be an elementary p -chain and let k any index $0 \leq k \leq p$. We say that K has a k -gap provided $\partial_k^H K = 0$.

Remark 5. The elementary chain K has a k -gap (for $k = p$ we intend $p + 1$ to be 0) provided the consecutive elementary factors

$$(12) \quad (e_{\alpha_k}^{i_k} \times \bar{e}_{\beta_k}^{j_k}) \otimes_C (e_{\alpha_{k+1}}^{i_{k+1}} \times \bar{e}_{\beta_{k+1}}^{j_{k+1}})$$

either have different supports $\beta_k \neq \alpha_{k+1}$, or they involve different elements of the Hilbert space basis, $e^{j_k} \neq e^{j_{k+1}}$, or both.

Definition 6. i) Let $C_p^0(HS(X)) \subset \bar{C}_p(HS(X))$ be the vector subspace generated by those elementary chains K which contain at least one gap.

By definition,

$$(13) \quad C_0^0(HS(X)) = \sum_{(i_0, \alpha_0) \neq (j_0, \beta_0)} K_{i_0 j_0}^{\alpha_0 \beta_0} e_{\alpha_0}^{i_0} \times \bar{e}_{\beta_0}^{j_0}$$

ii) $\{C_p^0(HS(X)), b\}_{0 \leq p}$ is a sub-complex of the Hochschild complex.

iii) Let $C_p^\Delta(HS(X)) \subset \bar{C}_p(HS_0(X))$ be the vector subspace generated by those elementary chains K which posses no gap.

Any chain belonging to $C_p^\Delta(HS(X))$ is the sum of an L_2 -convergent series of elementary chains

$$(14) \quad K = \sum_{\alpha_k, i_k} K_{i_0, \dots, i_p}^{\alpha_{i_0}, \dots, \alpha_{i_p}} (e_{\alpha_0}^{i_0} \times \bar{e}_{\alpha_1}^{i_1}) \otimes_C (e_{\alpha_1}^{i_1} \times \bar{e}_{\alpha_2}^{i_2}) \otimes_C \dots \otimes_C (e_{\alpha_p}^{i_p} \times \bar{e}_{\alpha_0}^{i_0}),$$

with

$$(15) \quad \sum_{\alpha_k, i_k} |K_{i_0, \dots, i_p}^{\alpha_{i_0}, \dots, \alpha_{i_p}}|^2 < \infty.$$

By definition,

$$(16) \quad C_0^\Delta(HS(X)) = \sum_{(i_0, \alpha_0)} K_{i_0 i_0}^{\alpha_0 \alpha_0} e_{\alpha_0}^{i_0} \times \bar{e}_{\alpha_0}^{i_0}.$$

iv) $C_p^\Delta(HS(X)), b\}_{0 \leq p}$ is a complex. This complex is called diagonal complex.

Concerning ii), we observe that if a Hochschild boundary face $\partial_{(p)k}^H$ acts on a gap, the result is the zero chain; if the Hochschild boundary does not involve the gap, the gap survives, which shows that $C_p^0(HS(X)), b\}_{0 \leq p}$ is indeed a homology complex.

Concerning iv), formula (6) shows that all Hochschild boundary faces keep the structure of the chains (14) unaltered, which shows that $C_p^\Delta(HS(X)), b\}_{0 \leq p}$ is a homology complex too.

Proposition 7. *The Hochschild complex $\{\bar{C}_*(HS(X)), b\}_*$ decomposes into a direct sum of Hochschild sub-complexes*

$$(17) \quad \{\bar{C}_*(HS(X)), b\}_* = \{C_*^0(HS(X)), b\}_* \oplus \{C_*^\Delta(HS(X)), b\}_*$$

Proof. Obvious. \square

6.1. Homotopy Operator s . The splitting.

Proposition 8. i) *The complex $\{C_*^0(HS(X)), b\}_*$ is acyclic.*

ii) *The inclusion of the diagonal sub-complex $\{C_*^\Delta(HS(X)), b\}_*$ in the complex $\{C_*(HS(X)), b\}_*$ induces isomorphism in homology.*

iii) *Therefore, the homology of the diagonal sub-complex $\{C_*^\Delta(HS(X)), b\}_*$ is the continuous Hochschild homology of the algebra of Hilbert-Schmidt operators.*

In view of Proposition 8, only part i) needs to be proven.

The proof of i) is based on a homotopy operator $s := \{s_{(p)}\}$,

$$(18) \quad s_{(p)} : C_p^0(HS(X)) \longrightarrow C_{p+1}^0(HS(X))$$

defined below.

The construction of the homotopy operator $s_{(p)}$ keeps track of the *first* gap present in each elementary monomial. For, suppose K is an elementary p -chain which possesses an r -gap, with r minimal, $0 \leq r \leq p$

$$(19) \quad K = (e_{\alpha_0}^{i_0} \times \bar{e}_{\alpha_1}^{i_1}) \otimes_C (e_{\alpha_1}^{i_1} \times \bar{e}_{\alpha_2}^{i_2}) \otimes_C \dots \otimes_C (e_{\alpha_r}^{i_r} \times \bar{e}_{\beta_r}^{j_r}) \otimes_C (e_{\alpha_{r+1}}^{i_{r+1}} \times \bar{e}_{\beta_{r+1}}^{j_{r+1}}) \otimes_C \dots \otimes_C (e_{\alpha_p}^{i_p} \times \bar{e}_{\beta_p}^{j_p}).$$

The operator $s_{(p)}(K)$ is defined by inserting the factor $(e_{\beta_r}^{j_r} \times \bar{e}_{\beta_r}^{j_r})$

$$(20) \quad \begin{aligned} s_{(p)}(K) &:= \\ &= (-1)^r (e_{\alpha_0}^{i_0} \times \bar{e}_{\beta_0}^{j_0}) \otimes_C \dots \otimes_C (e_{\alpha_r}^{i_r} \times \bar{e}_{\beta_r}^{j_r}) \otimes_C (e_{\beta_r}^{j_r} \times \bar{e}_{\beta_r}^{j_r}) \otimes_C (e_{\alpha_{r+1}}^{i_{r+1}} \times \bar{e}_{\beta_{r+1}}^{j_{r+1}}) \otimes_C \dots \otimes_C (e_{\alpha_p}^{i_p} \times \bar{e}_{\beta_p}^{j_p}). \end{aligned}$$

If K is an elementary chain of degree 0, then the homotopy $s_{(0)}$ is defined by

$$(21) \quad s_{(0)}(e_{\alpha_0}^{i_0} \times \bar{e}_{\beta_0}^{j_0}) := (e_{\alpha_0}^{i_0} \times \bar{e}_{\beta_0}^{j_0}) \otimes_C (e_{\beta_0}^{j_0} \times \bar{e}_{\beta_0}^{j_0}).$$

We postpone to the §7.3. the checking that the operators $s_{(p)}$ are well defined on the spaces $C_p^0(HS(X))$.

Lemma 9. *The operators s satisfy*

$$(22) \quad (b s_{(p)} + s_{(p-1)} b)(K) = K$$

on $C_*^0(HS)$.

Proof. One has

$$\begin{aligned} b s_{(p)}(K) &= \sum_{k=0}^{k=r-1} b_{(p+1)k}(s_{(p)}K) + b_{(p+1)r}(s_{(p)}K) + b_{(p+1)r+1}(s_{(p)}K) + \sum_{k=r+2}^{k=p+1} b_{(p+1)k}(s_{(p)}K) = \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{k=r-1} b_{(p+1)k}(s_{(p)}K) + K + 0 + \sum_{k=r+2}^{k=p+1} b_{(p+1)k}(s_{(p)}K). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$(23) \quad b s_{(p)}(K) = \sum_{k=0}^{k=r-1} b_{(p+1)k}(s_{(p)}K) + K + \sum_{k=r+2}^{k=p+1} b_{(p+1)k}(s_{(p)}K).$$

On the other hand, we split the boundary bK in three parts and we apply the operator $s_{(p-1)}$

$$\begin{aligned} s_{(p-1)} b(K) &= \sum_{k=0}^{k=r-1} s_{(p-1)} b_{(p)k}K + s_{(p-1)} b_{(p)r}K + \sum_{k=r+1}^{k=p} s_{(p-1)} b_{(p)k}K = \\ (24) \quad &= \sum_{k=0}^{k=r-1} s_{(p-1)} b_{(p)k}K + \sum_{k=r+1}^{k=p} s_{(p-1)} b_{(p)k}K. \end{aligned}$$

A direct check shows that both the first and the last terms from equations (23) and (24) cancel out, respectively.

Here, in particular, we intend to check the formula (22) when the first gap of K_p is a p -gap

$$(25) \quad K = (e_{\alpha_0}^{i_0} \times \bar{e}_{\alpha_1}^{i_1}) \otimes_C (e_{\alpha_1}^{i_1} \times \bar{e}_{\alpha_2}^{i_2}) \otimes_C \dots \otimes_C (e_{\alpha_{p-1}}^{i_{p-1}} \times \bar{e}_{\alpha_p}^{i_p}) \otimes_C (e_{\alpha_p}^{i_p} \times \bar{e}_{\beta_p}^{j_p})$$

with $(\beta_p, j_p) \neq (\alpha_0, i_0)$. Then

$$\begin{aligned}
(26) \quad bs_{(p)}(K) &= \\
&= (-1)^p \left\{ \sum_{k=0}^{k=p-1} b_{(p+1)k} (e_{\alpha_0}^{i_0} \times \bar{e}_{\alpha_1}^{i_1}) \otimes_C (e_{\alpha_1}^{i_1} \times \bar{e}_{\alpha_2}^{i_2}) \otimes_C \dots \otimes_C (e_{\alpha_{p-1}}^{i_{p-1}} \times \bar{e}_{\alpha_p}^{i_p}) \otimes_C (e_{\alpha_p}^{i_p} \times \bar{e}_{\beta_p}^{j_p}) \right\} \otimes_C (e_{\beta_p}^{j_p} \times \bar{e}_{\beta_p}^{j_p}) + \\
&+ (-1)^p (-1)^p \partial_{(p+1)p} \{ (e_{\alpha_0}^{i_0} \times \bar{e}_{\alpha_1}^{i_1}) \otimes_C (e_{\alpha_1}^{i_1} \times \bar{e}_{\alpha_2}^{i_2}) \otimes_C \dots \otimes_C (e_{\alpha_{p-1}}^{i_{p-1}} \times \bar{e}_{\alpha_p}^{i_p}) \otimes_C (e_{\alpha_p}^{i_p} \times \bar{e}_{\beta_p}^{j_p}) \otimes_C (e_{\beta_p}^{j_p} \times \bar{e}_{\beta_p}^{j_p}) \} + \\
&+ (-1)^{p+1} (-1)^p \partial_{(p+1)p+1} \{ (e_{\alpha_0}^{i_0} \times \bar{e}_{\alpha_1}^{i_1}) \otimes_C (e_{\alpha_1}^{i_1} \times \bar{e}_{\alpha_2}^{i_2}) \otimes_C \dots \otimes_C (e_{\alpha_{p-1}}^{i_{p-1}} \times \bar{e}_{\alpha_p}^{i_p}) \otimes_C (e_{\alpha_p}^{i_p} \times \bar{e}_{\beta_p}^{j_p}) \otimes_C (e_{\beta_p}^{j_p} \times \bar{e}_{\beta_p}^{j_p}) \} = \\
&= (-1)^p \sum_{k=0}^{k=p-1} b_{(p+1)k} (e_{\alpha_0}^{i_0} \times \bar{e}_{\alpha_1}^{i_1}) \otimes_C (e_{\alpha_1}^{i_1} \times \bar{e}_{\alpha_2}^{i_2}) \otimes_C \dots \otimes_C (e_{\alpha_{p-1}}^{i_{p-1}} \times \bar{e}_{\alpha_p}^{i_p}) \otimes_C (e_{\alpha_p}^{i_p} \times \bar{e}_{\beta_p}^{j_p}) \otimes_C (e_{\beta_p}^{j_p} \times \bar{e}_{\beta_p}^{j_p}) + K.
\end{aligned}$$

On the other hand,

$$(27) \quad s_{(p-1)}b(K) = s_{(p-1)} \left\{ \sum_{k=0}^{k=p-1} b_{(p)k}(K) + b_{(p)p}(K) \right\} = (-1)^{p-1} \sum_{k=0}^{k=p-1} b_{(p)k}(K) \otimes_C (e_{\beta_p}^{j_p} \times \bar{e}_{\beta_p}^{j_p}).$$

Summing up formulas (26) and (27) shows that the identity (22) holds also for p -elementary chains whose first gap is a p -gap.

Finally, we verify the homotopy formula (22) for chains of degree zero. For such chains, one has

$$\begin{aligned}
(28) \quad (bs_{(0)} + sb)(e_{\alpha_0}^{i_0} \times \bar{e}_{\beta_0}^{j_0}) &= bs_{(0)}(e_{\alpha_0}^{i_0} \times \bar{e}_{\beta_0}^{j_0}) = b(e_{\alpha_0}^{i_0} \times \bar{e}_{\beta_0}^{j_0}) \otimes_C (e_{\beta_0}^{j_0} \times \bar{e}_{\beta_0}^{j_0}) = \\
&= (e_{\alpha_0}^{i_0} \times \bar{e}_{\beta_0}^{j_0}) - (e_{\beta_0}^{j_0} \times \bar{e}_{\beta_0}^{j_0}) \circ (e_{\alpha_0}^{i_0} \times \bar{e}_{\beta_0}^{j_0}) = \\
&= (e_{\alpha_0}^{i_0} \times \bar{e}_{\beta_0}^{j_0}) - \delta^{j_0 i_0} \delta_{\beta_0 \alpha_0} (e_{\alpha_0}^{j_0} \times \bar{e}_{\beta_0}^{j_0}) = (e_{\alpha_0}^{i_0} \times \bar{e}_{\beta_0}^{j_0})
\end{aligned}$$

because $\delta^{j_0 i_0} \delta_{\beta_0 \alpha_0} = 0$, which proves the desired formula.

These computations complete the proof of Lemma 9. This completes the proof of Proposition 8. -i). \square

Part -ii) of Proposition 8 follows from part -i) along with Proposition 7. This completes the proof of Proposition 8.

6.2. Homotopy Operator S . For each n -simplex Δ_α we choose and fix an element e^{I_α} of the corresponding ortho-normal Hilbert basis. To simplify the notation we denote e^{I_α} by I .

Definition 10. Let $S_{(p)} : C_p^\Delta(HS(X)) \longrightarrow C_{p+1}^\Delta(HS(X))$ be defined on elementary chains by the formula

$$\begin{aligned}
(29) \quad S_{(p)}[(e_{\alpha_0}^{i_0} \times \bar{e}_{\alpha_1}^{i_1}) \otimes_C (e_{\alpha_1}^{i_1} \times \bar{e}_{\alpha_2}^{i_2}) \otimes_C \dots \otimes_C (e_{\alpha_p}^{i_p} \times \bar{e}_{\alpha_0}^{i_0})] &:= \\
&:= (e_{\alpha_0}^{i_0} \times \bar{e}_{\alpha_0}^I) \otimes_C (e_{\alpha_0}^I \times \bar{e}_{\alpha_1}^{i_1}) \otimes_C (e_{\alpha_1}^{i_1} \times \bar{e}_{\alpha_2}^{i_2}) \otimes_C \dots \otimes_C (e_{\alpha_p}^{i_p} \times \bar{e}_{\alpha_0}^{i_0}),
\end{aligned}$$

i.e. S is defined by inserting the factor $\bar{e}_{\alpha_0}^I \otimes_C e_{\alpha_0}^I$ into the expression of K .

6.2.1. The Homology of the sub-complex $\{C_p^\Delta(HS(X)), b'\}$.

Proposition 11. *The operator S satisfies*

$$(30) \quad b' S + S b' = Id.$$

Proof. We compute first $b' S_{(p)}(K)$. One has

$$(31) \quad \begin{aligned} b' S_{(p)}(K) &= b' S_{(p)}[(e_{\alpha_0}^{i_0} \times \bar{e}_{\alpha_1}^{i_1}) \otimes_C (e_{\alpha_1}^{i_1} \times \bar{e}_{\alpha_2}^{i_2}) \otimes_C \dots \otimes_C (e_{\alpha_p}^{i_p} \times \bar{e}_{\alpha_0}^{i_0})] := \\ &:= b'[(e_{\alpha_0}^{i_0} \times \bar{e}_{\alpha_0}^I) \otimes_C (e_{\alpha_0}^I \times \bar{e}_{\alpha_1}^{i_1}) \otimes_C (e_{\alpha_1}^{i_1} \times \bar{e}_{\alpha_2}^{i_2}) \otimes_C \dots \otimes_C (e_{\alpha_p}^{i_p} \times \bar{e}_{\alpha_0}^{i_0})] = \\ &= (e_{\alpha_0}^{i_0} \times \bar{e}_{\alpha_1}^{i_1}) \otimes_C (e_{\alpha_1}^{i_1} \times \bar{e}_{\alpha_2}^{i_2}) \otimes_C \dots \otimes_C (e_{\alpha_p}^{i_p} \times \bar{e}_{\alpha_0}^{i_0}) \\ &- (e_{\alpha_0}^{i_0} \times \bar{e}_{\alpha_0}^I) \otimes_C b'[(e_{\alpha_0}^I \times \bar{e}_{\alpha_1}^{i_1}) \otimes_C (e_{\alpha_1}^{i_1} \times \bar{e}_{\alpha_2}^{i_2}) \otimes_C \dots \otimes_C (e_{\alpha_p}^{i_p} \times \bar{e}_{\alpha_0}^{i_0})] = \\ &= K - (e_{\alpha_0}^{i_0} \times \bar{e}_{\alpha_0}^I) \otimes_C b'[(e_{\alpha_0}^I \times \bar{e}_{\alpha_1}^{i_1}) \otimes_C (e_{\alpha_1}^{i_1} \times \bar{e}_{\alpha_2}^{i_2}) \otimes_C \dots \otimes_C (e_{\alpha_p}^{i_p} \times \bar{e}_{\alpha_0}^{i_0})]. \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand

$$(32) \quad \begin{aligned} S_{(p-1)} b'(K) &= \\ &= S_{(p-1)}[(e_{\alpha_0}^{i_0} \times \bar{e}_{\alpha_2}^{i_2}) \otimes_C (e_{\alpha_2}^{i_2} \times \bar{e}_{\alpha_3}^{i_3}) \otimes_C \dots \otimes_C (e_{\alpha_p}^{i_p} \times \bar{e}_{\alpha_0}^{i_0}) \\ &- (e_{\alpha_0}^{i_0} \times \bar{e}_{\alpha_1}^{i_1}) \otimes_C (e_{\alpha_1}^{i_1} \times \bar{e}_{\alpha_3}^{i_3}) \otimes_C \dots \otimes_C (e_{\alpha_p}^{i_p} \times \bar{e}_{\alpha_0}^{i_0}) + \dots \\ &+ (-1)^k (e_{\alpha_0}^{i_0} \times \bar{e}_{\alpha_1}^{i_1}) \otimes_C (e_{\alpha_1}^{i_1} \times \bar{e}_{\alpha_2}^{i_2}) \otimes_C \dots \otimes_C (e_{\alpha_k}^{i_k} \times \bar{e}_{\alpha_{k+2}}^{i_{k+2}}) \otimes_C \dots \otimes_C (e_{\alpha_p}^{i_p} \times \bar{e}_{\alpha_0}^{i_0}) + \dots \\ &+ (-1)^{p-1} (e_{\alpha_0}^{i_0} \times \bar{e}_{\alpha_1}^{i_1}) \otimes_C (e_{\alpha_1}^{i_1} \times \bar{e}_{\alpha_2}^{i_2}) \otimes_C \dots \otimes_C (e_{\alpha_{p-1}}^{i_{p-1}} \times \bar{e}_{\alpha_0}^{i_0})] = \\ &= (e_{\alpha_0}^{i_0} \times \bar{e}_{\alpha_0}^I) \otimes_C (e_{\alpha_0}^I \times \bar{e}_{\alpha_2}^{i_2}) \otimes_C (e_{\alpha_2}^{i_2} \times \bar{e}_{\alpha_3}^{i_3}) \otimes_C \dots \otimes_C (e_{\alpha_p}^{i_p} \times \bar{e}_{\alpha_0}^{i_0}) \\ &- (e_{\alpha_0}^{i_0} \times \bar{e}_{\alpha_0}^I) \otimes_C (e_{\alpha_0}^I \times \bar{e}_{\alpha_1}^{i_1}) \otimes_C (e_{\alpha_1}^{i_1} \times \bar{e}_{\alpha_3}^{i_3}) \otimes_C \dots \otimes_C (e_{\alpha_p}^{i_p} \times \bar{e}_{\alpha_0}^{i_0}) + \dots \\ &+ (-1)^k (e_{\alpha_0}^{i_0} \times \bar{e}_{\alpha_0}^I) \otimes_C (e_{\alpha_0}^I \times \bar{e}_{\alpha_1}^{i_1}) \otimes_C (e_{\alpha_1}^{i_1} \times \bar{e}_{\alpha_2}^{i_2}) \otimes_C \dots \otimes_C (e_{\alpha_k}^{i_k} \times \bar{e}_{\alpha_{k+2}}^{i_{k+2}}) \otimes_C \dots \otimes_C (e_{\alpha_p}^{i_p} \times \bar{e}_{\alpha_0}^{i_0}) + \dots \\ &+ (-1)^{p-1} (e_{\alpha_0}^{i_0} \times \bar{e}_{\alpha_0}^I) \otimes_C (e_{\alpha_0}^I \times \bar{e}_{\alpha_1}^{i_1}) \otimes_C (e_{\alpha_1}^{i_1} \times \bar{e}_{\alpha_2}^{i_2}) \otimes_C \dots \otimes_C (e_{\alpha_{p-1}}^{i_{p-1}} \times \bar{e}_{\alpha_0}^{i_0})] = \\ &= (e_{\alpha_0}^{i_0} \times \bar{e}_{\alpha_0}^I) \otimes_C b'[(e_{\alpha_0}^I \times \bar{e}_{\alpha_1}^{i_1}) \otimes_C (e_{\alpha_1}^{i_1} \times \bar{e}_{\alpha_2}^{i_2}) \otimes_C \dots \otimes_C (e_{\alpha_p}^{i_p} \times \bar{e}_{\alpha_0}^{i_0})]. \end{aligned}$$

Summing up formulas (31) and (32) proves the proposition. \square

Corollary 12. *The complex $\{C_p^\Delta(HS(X)), b'\}$ is acyclic.*

6.2.2. The Homology of the Sub-complex $\{C_p^\Delta(HS(X)), b\}$.

Proposition 13. *The operator S establishes on the complex $K\{C_p^\Delta(HS(X)), b\}$ a homotopy between the identity and the operator θ*

$$(33) \quad b S_{(p)} + S_{(p-1)} b = Id. - \theta,$$

where

$$(34) \quad \begin{aligned} \theta[(e_{\alpha_0}^{i_0} \times \bar{e}_{\alpha_1}^{i_1}) \otimes_C (e_{\alpha_1}^{i_1} \times \bar{e}_{\alpha_2}^{i_2}) \otimes_C \dots \otimes_C (e_{\alpha_p}^{i_p} \times \bar{e}_{\alpha_0}^{i_0})] &= \\ &= (-1)^p [(e_{\alpha_p}^{i_p} \times \bar{e}_{\alpha_0}^I) \otimes_C (e_{\alpha_0}^I \times \bar{e}_{\alpha_1}^{i_1}) - (e_{\alpha_p}^{i_p} \times \bar{e}_{\alpha_p}^I) \otimes_C (e_{\alpha_p}^I \times \bar{e}_{\alpha_1}^{i_1})] \otimes_C [(e_{\alpha_1}^{i_1} \times \bar{e}_{\alpha_2}^{i_2}) \otimes_C \dots \otimes_C (e_{\alpha_{p-1}}^{i_{p-1}} \times \bar{e}_{\alpha_p}^{i_p})]. \end{aligned}$$

Proof. For the proof of this proposition we use Proposition 11. One has

$$\begin{aligned}
(35) \quad (bS_{(p)} + S_{(p-1)}b)(K) &= \\
&= [b' + (-1)^{p+1}\partial_{(p+1)p+1}]S_{(p)} + S_{(p-1)}[b' + (-1)^p\partial_{(p)p}](K) = \\
&= K + (-1)^{p+1}\partial_{(p+1)p+1}S_{(p)}(K) + (-1)^pS_{(p-1)}\partial_{(p)p}(K) = \\
&= K + (-1)^{p+1}\partial_{(p+1)p+1}[(e_{\alpha_0}^{i_0} \times \bar{e}_{\alpha_0}^I) \otimes_C (e_{\alpha_0}^I \times \bar{e}_{\alpha_1}^{i_1}) \otimes_C (e_{\alpha_1}^{i_1} \times \bar{e}_{\alpha_2}^{i_2}) \otimes_C \dots \otimes_C (e_{\alpha_p}^{i_p} \times \bar{e}_{\alpha_0}^{i_0})] + \\
&\quad + (-1)^pS_{(p-1)}[(e_{\alpha_p}^{i_p} \times \bar{e}_{\alpha_1}^{i_1}) \otimes_C (e_{\alpha_1}^{i_1} \times \bar{e}_{\alpha_2}^{i_2}) \otimes_C \dots \otimes_C (e_{\alpha_{p-1}}^{i_{p-1}} \times \bar{e}_{\alpha_p}^{i_p})] = \\
&= K + (-1)^{p+1}(e_{\alpha_p}^{i_p} \times \bar{e}_{\alpha_0}^I) \otimes_C (e_{\alpha_0}^I \times \bar{e}_{\alpha_1}^{i_1}) \otimes_C (e_{\alpha_1}^{i_1} \times \bar{e}_{\alpha_2}^{i_2}) \otimes_C \dots \otimes_C (e_{\alpha_{p-1}}^{i_{p-1}} \times \bar{e}_{\alpha_p}^{i_p}) \otimes_C (e_{\alpha_p}^{i_p} \times \bar{e}_{\alpha_0}^{i_0}) + \\
&\quad + (-1)^p[(e_{\alpha_p}^{i_p} \times \bar{e}_{\alpha_p}^I) \otimes_C (e_{\alpha_p}^I \times \bar{e}_{\alpha_1}^{i_1}) \otimes_C (e_{\alpha_1}^{i_1} \times \bar{e}_{\alpha_2}^{i_2}) \otimes_C \dots \otimes_C (e_{\alpha_{p-1}}^{i_{p-1}} \times \bar{e}_{\alpha_p}^{i_p})] = \\
&= K - (-1)^p[(e_{\alpha_p}^{i_p} \times \bar{e}_{\alpha_0}^I) \otimes_C (e_{\alpha_0}^I \times \bar{e}_{\alpha_1}^{i_1}) - (e_{\alpha_p}^{i_p} \times \bar{e}_{\alpha_p}^I) \otimes_C (e_{\alpha_p}^I \times \bar{e}_{\alpha_1}^{i_1})] \otimes_C [(e_{\alpha_1}^{i_1} \times \bar{e}_{\alpha_2}^{i_2}) \otimes_C \dots \otimes_C (e_{\alpha_{p-1}}^{i_{p-1}} \times \bar{e}_{\alpha_p}^{i_p})],
\end{aligned}$$

which completes the proof of the Proposition 13. \square

We intend to describe the Hochschild boundary acting on $C_p^\Delta(HS(X))$ in a more topological fashion; this will help us to understand better the hidden geometry and suggest the next constructions. For doing this we introduce the following

Notation 14. To the elementary chain $K \in C_p^\Delta(HS(X))$

$$(36) \quad K = (e_{\alpha_0}^{i_0} \times \bar{e}_{\alpha_1}^{i_1}) \otimes_C (e_{\alpha_1}^{i_1} \times \bar{e}_{\alpha_2}^{i_2}) \otimes_C \dots \otimes_C (e_{\alpha_p}^{i_p} \times \bar{e}_{\alpha_0}^{i_0})$$

we bi-univocally associate the symbol

$$(37) \quad [K] = \begin{bmatrix} i_1 & \dots & i_{p-1} & i_p & i_0 \\ \alpha_1 & \dots & \alpha_{p-1} & \alpha_p & \alpha_0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Proposition 15. Using the Notation 14, the Hochschild boundary faces are

$$(38) \quad [b_{(p)k}K] = (-1)^{k-1} \begin{bmatrix} i_1 & \dots & \hat{i}_k & \dots & i_{p-1} & i_p & i_0 \\ \alpha_1 & \dots & \hat{\alpha}_k & \dots & \alpha_{p-1} & \alpha_p & \alpha_0 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ for } 0 \leq k \leq p-1$$

and

$$(39) \quad [b_{(p)p}K] = (-1)^p \begin{bmatrix} i_1 & \dots & i_k & \dots & i_{p-1} & i_p & \hat{i}_0 \\ \alpha_1 & \dots & \alpha_k & \dots & \alpha_{p-1} & \alpha_p & \hat{\alpha}_0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Definition 16. Let $[X]^\Delta$ be the simplicial set whose vertices are the column-pairs $[i_k \alpha_k]$ and whose boundary faces $\partial_{(p)k}$ are the simplicial boundary faces.

Proposition 15 implies the next result.

Theorem 17. The linear bijective mapping $[\] : K \rightarrow [K]$ interchanges

- i) the Hochschild boundary faces with the simplicial boundary faces and hence
- ii) $[\]$ establishes an isomorphism from the complex $C_p^\Delta(HS(X))$ to the simplicial chain complex of the simplicial space $[X]^\Delta$

$$(40) \quad [bK] = \partial[K], \quad \text{for any } K \in C_p^\Delta(HS(X)).$$

Theorem 18. *i) The Hochschild homology of the algebra of Hilbert-Schmidt operators on X is isomorphic to the simplicial homology of $[X]^\Delta$, (see Definition 16).*

ii) The simplicial complex $[X]^\Delta$ is an infinite dimensional simplex.

Proof. i) is a consequence of Theorem 17 -ii).

ii) In the simplicial complex $[X]^\Delta$ any column-vertex $[i_k, \alpha_k]$ may be joint with any column-vertex $[i_{k+1}, \alpha_{k+1}]$ to create the simplex (37). In other words, the simplicial complex $[X]^\Delta$ is an infinite dimensional simplex and therefore its homology is trivial. \square

Theorem 19. *Let X be a countable, locally finite simplicial complex of dimension n . Then, the Hochschild homology of the algebra of real or complex Hilbert-Schmidt operators on X is trivial.*

It is known that the Hochschild homology of Banach algebras "is not interesting", see Connes [1], or that in many cases it is trivial, see e.g. Grnbnk [6], or that "cyclic homology is degenerate on Banach or C^* -algebras", see [4], p. 42 and Proposition 3.5, Corollary 3.6., p. 39. The basic intent of this paper is to contribute to the better understanding of the interplay between the analysis and the topology at the level of Hochschild homology. More specifically, we state that the relationship between the content of Theorem 19 and the Theorem 1, or the relationship between the Hochschild homology with no control on the chain-supports and *local* Hochschild homology [10], is the same relationship which occurs in the definition of the Alexander-Spanier (co)-homology before and after the consideration of the control on the supports, see §8.1.

Proof. Given that the homology of the simplex is trivial, Theorem 19 is an immediate consequence of the Theorem 18. \square

The Notation 14 allows us to describe the operator θ in a more geometrical fashion, allowing simplices to be multiplied by integers

$$(41) \quad \theta \begin{bmatrix} i_1 & \dots & i_{p-1} & i_p & i_0 \\ \alpha_1 & \dots & \alpha_{p-1} & \alpha_p & \alpha_0 \end{bmatrix} = \\ = (-1)^{p+1} \left[\begin{bmatrix} I & i_1 & i_2 & \dots & i_{p-1} & i_p \\ \alpha_p & \alpha_1 & \alpha_2 & \dots & \alpha_{p-1} & \alpha_p \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} I & i_1 & i_2 & \dots & i_{p-1} & i_p \\ \alpha_0 & \alpha_1 & \alpha_2 & \dots & \alpha_{p-1} & \alpha_p \end{bmatrix} \right],$$

which may be written further

$$(42) \quad \theta \begin{bmatrix} i_1 & \dots & i_{p-1} & i_p & i_0 \\ \alpha_1 & \dots & \alpha_{p-1} & \alpha_p & \alpha_0 \end{bmatrix} = \\ = (-1)^{p+1} \left(\begin{bmatrix} I \\ \alpha_p \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} I \\ \alpha_0 \end{bmatrix} \right) \begin{bmatrix} i_1 & i_2 & \dots & i_{p-1} & i_p \\ \alpha_1 & \alpha_2 & \dots & \alpha_{p-1} & \alpha_p \end{bmatrix}$$

Formula (42) helps us to iterate the operator θ easily.

Remark 20. *1. The operator θ removes the last vertex $[i_0, \alpha_0]$, replaces it with the difference $[I, \alpha_p] - [I, \alpha_0]$ and places it in the first position*

2. The operator θ does not affect the other vertices, except for a cyclical shift of them to the right.

Proposition 21. *The operator θ satisfies*

$$\begin{aligned} & -i) \\ & \theta^p \begin{bmatrix} i_1 & \dots & i_{p-1} & i_p & i_0 \\ \alpha_1 & \dots & \alpha_{p-1} & \alpha_p & \alpha_0 \end{bmatrix} = \\ (43) \quad & = \left(\begin{bmatrix} I \\ \alpha_1 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} I \\ \alpha_2 \end{bmatrix} \right) \left(\begin{bmatrix} I \\ \alpha_2 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} I \\ \alpha_3 \end{bmatrix} \right) \dots \left(\begin{bmatrix} I \\ \alpha_{p-1} \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} I \\ \alpha_p \end{bmatrix} \right) \left(\begin{bmatrix} I \\ \alpha_p \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} I \\ \alpha_0 \end{bmatrix} \right) \begin{bmatrix} I \\ \alpha_1 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & -ii) \\ & (-1)^{p+1} \theta^{p+1} \begin{bmatrix} i_1 & \dots & i_{p-1} & i_p & i_0 \\ \alpha_1 & \dots & \alpha_{p-1} & \alpha_p & \alpha_0 \end{bmatrix} = \\ (44) \quad & = \left(\begin{bmatrix} I \\ \alpha_p \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} I \\ \alpha_1 \end{bmatrix} \right) \left(\begin{bmatrix} I \\ \alpha_2 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} I \\ \alpha_1 \end{bmatrix} \right) \dots \left(\begin{bmatrix} I \\ \alpha_{p-1} \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} I \\ \alpha_{p-2} \end{bmatrix} \right) \left(\begin{bmatrix} I \\ \alpha_p \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} I \\ \alpha_{p-1} \end{bmatrix} \right) \begin{bmatrix} I \\ \alpha_p \end{bmatrix} \\ (45) \quad & - \left(\begin{bmatrix} I \\ \alpha_0 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} I \\ \alpha_1 \end{bmatrix} \right) \left(\begin{bmatrix} I \\ \alpha_2 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} I \\ \alpha_1 \end{bmatrix} \right) \dots \left(\begin{bmatrix} I \\ \alpha_{p-1} \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} I \\ \alpha_{p-2} \end{bmatrix} \right) \left(\begin{bmatrix} I \\ \alpha_p \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} I \\ \alpha_{p-1} \end{bmatrix} \right) \cdot \begin{bmatrix} I \\ \alpha_0 \end{bmatrix} \\ (46) \quad & = \left(\begin{bmatrix} I \\ \alpha_p \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} I \\ \alpha_1 \end{bmatrix} \right) \left(\begin{bmatrix} I \\ \alpha_2 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} I \\ \alpha_1 \end{bmatrix} \right) \dots \left(\begin{bmatrix} I \\ \alpha_{p-1} \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} I \\ \alpha_{p-2} \end{bmatrix} \right) \left(\begin{bmatrix} I \\ \alpha_p \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} I \\ \alpha_{p-1} \end{bmatrix} \right) \left(\begin{bmatrix} I \\ \alpha_p \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} I \\ \alpha_0 \end{bmatrix} \right) \end{aligned}$$

6.3. Homological Consequences.

Definition 22. -i) Let $C_p^I(HS) \subset C_p^\Delta(HS)$ denote the subset consisting of all p -chains whose elementary components contain exclusively the Hilbert space basis index I .

$\{C_p^I(HS), b\}_{0 \leq p}$ is complex. This complex will be called reduced diagonal complex.

-ii) Let $[X]^I$ be the sub-simplex of the simplex $[X]^\Delta$ whose vertices are the column pairs $[I, \alpha]$.

Lemma 23. -The spaces $C_p^I(HS)$ have the properties

i) for any $0 \leq p+1 \leq \tilde{p}$,

$$(47) \quad \theta_{(p)}^{\tilde{p}}(C_p^\Delta(HS)) \subset C_p^I(HS)$$

ii) b, S, θ^k transform the spaces $C_*^I(HS)$ into themselves, for any $0 \leq k$,

iii) $\{C_p^I(HS), b\}_{0 \leq p}$ is a sub-complex of $\{C_p^\Delta(HS), b\}_{0 \leq p}$

Proof. Relations (42), (43) along with (40) imply -i).

-ii) The equations (37)-(39) imply the property relative to b . The Definition 10, equation (29) implies the property concerning S and the equation (41)-(43) prove the property concerning θ^k . \square

Definition 24. For any $0 \leq \tilde{p}$, we define

$$(48) \quad \tilde{S}_{(p)} : C_p^\Delta(HS) \longrightarrow C_{p+1}^\Delta(HS)$$

be given by

$$(49) \quad \tilde{S}_{(p)} := (1 + \theta_{(p)} + \theta_{(p)}^2 + \dots + \theta_{(p)}^{p+1})S_{(p)}.$$

We agree to represent the homomorphisms $\tilde{S}_{(p)}$ with the same notation when they are restricted to the subspaces $C_p^I(HS)$.

Remark 25. In the formula (49) the extra power $\theta_{(p)}^{p+1}$ is inserted. This extra power will be used in the proof of Proposition 27. -ii) below, formula (53).

Proposition 26. -i) The operators $\theta_{(p)}$ commutes with b

$$(50) \quad \theta_{(p-1)} b = b \theta_{(p)}$$

-ii) The operators $\tilde{S}_{(p)}$ satisfy

$$(51) \quad \tilde{S}_{(p-1)}b_{(p)} + b_{(p+1)}\tilde{S}_{(p)} = 1 - \theta_{(p)}^{p+2}$$

both on the spaces $C_p^\Delta(HS)$ and $C_p^I(HS)$, for any $0 \leq p$.

Proof. -i) The commutation relation is obtained by multiplying the relation (33) to the left and to the right by b

$$(52) \quad bSb = b(bS + Sb) = b - b\theta, \quad bSb = (bS + Sb)b = b - \theta b.$$

-ii) The identity (51) is obtained by multiplying the equation (33) to the left by $(1 + \theta_{(p)} + \theta_{(p)}^2 + \dots + \theta_{(p)}^{p+1})$, along with the commutation identity (50). \square

Proposition 27. -i) Any p -cycle $K \in C_p^\Delta(HS)$ is co-homologous, inside the complex $\{ C_p^\Delta(HS), b \}_{0 \leq p}$ to the cycle $\theta_{(p)}^{\tilde{p}} K \in C_p^I(HS)$, for any $p+1 \leq \tilde{p}$

-ii) If $K \in C_p^I(HS)$ is a boundary inside the complex $\{ C_p^\Delta(HS), b \}_{0 \leq p}$ ($K_{(p)} = bL_{(p+1)}$, where $L_{(p+1)} \in C_{p+1}^\Delta(HS)$), then K is a boundary inside the complex $\{ C_p^I(HS), b \}_{0 \leq p}$ ($K_{(p)} = b\tilde{L}_{(p+1)}$, where $\tilde{L}_{(p+1)} = \tilde{S}_{(p)}K_{(p)} + \theta_{(p+1)}^{p+2} L_{(p+1)} \in C_p^I(HS)$).

Proof. -i) For any cycle $K \in C_p^\Delta(HS)$, the relation (51) gives

$$(53) \quad (\tilde{S}_{(p-1)}b_{(p)} + b_{(p+1)}\tilde{S}_{(p)})(K) = (1 - \theta_{(p)}^{p+2})(K).$$

and then

$$(54) \quad K = \theta_{(p)}^{p+2}K + b_{(p+1)}(\tilde{S}_{(p)}K).$$

Equation (47) insures that $\theta_{(p)}^{p+2}K \in C_p^I(HS)$ while the commutation relation (50) implies that $\theta_{(p)}^{p+2}K$ is a cycle

$$(55) \quad b(\theta_{(p)}^{p+2}K) = \theta_{(p)}^{p+2}(bK) = 0.$$

Equation (54) complemented with this information proves part i).

Notice that here we do not make any statement about whether or not $\tilde{S}_{(p)}K$ does belong to the sub-complex $C_{p+1}^I(HS)$. Part ii) of Proposition 27 clarifies this point.

-ii) By hypothesis, $K \in C_p^I(HS)$ is a boundary inside the complex $\{C_p^\Delta(HS), b\}_{0 \leq p}$; then K is a cycle in the complex $\{C_p^I(HS), b\}_{0 \leq p}$.

We plug $K = bL$, into the identity (51) to get

$$(\tilde{S}_{(p-1)}b_{(p)} + b_{(p+1)}\tilde{S}_{(p)})(bL) = (1 - \theta_{(p)}^{p+2})(bL)$$

or

$$b_{(p+1)}\tilde{S}_{(p)}(bL) = K - \theta_{(p)}^{p+2}(bL),$$

which gives

$$(56) \quad K_{(p)} = b_{(p+1)}\tilde{S}_{(p)}(bL_{(p+1)}) + \theta_{(p)}^{p+2}(bL_{(p+1)}).$$

The commutation relation (50) gives us further

$$\begin{aligned} K_{(p)} &= b_{(p+1)}\tilde{S}_{(p)}(bL_{(p+1)}) + b_{(p+1)}\theta_{(p+1)}^{p+2}(L_{(p+1)}) = \\ &= b_{(p+1)}(\tilde{S}_{(p)}(bL_{(p+1)}) + \theta_{(p+1)}^{p+2}(L_{(p+1)})) \end{aligned}$$

which can be re-written

$$(57) \quad K_{(p)} = b_{(p+1)}(\tilde{S}_{(p)}K_{(p)} + \theta_{p+1}^{p+2}L_{(p+1)}).$$

By hypotheses $K_{(p)} \in C_p^I(HS)$. Then Lemma 23, ii) gives that

$$(58) \quad \tilde{S}_{(p)}(K_{(p)}) \in C_{p+1}^I(HS).$$

On the other hand, Lemma 23 i), formula (47) insures that

$$(59) \quad \theta_{(p+1)}^{p+2}(L_{(p+1)}) \in C_{p+1}^I(HS).$$

The equation (57) may be re-written

$$K = b\tilde{L}_{(p+1)}$$

where, in virtue of the relations (58), (59) one has

$$(60) \quad \tilde{L}_{(p+1)} = \tilde{S}_{(p)}K_{(p)} + \theta_{p+1}^{p+2}L_{(p+1)} \in C_{p+1}^I(HS).$$

This completes the proof of ii). □

Theorem 28. *The inclusion of complexes $\iota : \{C_p^I(HS), b\}_{0 \leq p} \longrightarrow \{C_p^\Delta(HS), b\}_{0 \leq p}$ induces isomorphism in homology.*

Therefore, the homology of the reduced diagonal complex is the homology of the diagonal complex.

Proof. Part i) of Proposition 27 tells that any homology class in the complex $\{ C_p^\Delta(HS), b \}_{0 \leq p}$ has a cycle representative in the sub-complex $\{ C_p^I(HS), b \}_{0 \leq p}$. Therefore, the inclusion ι induces epimorphisms in homology.

The second part ii) of the same proposition tells us that if the homology class of the cycle K of the sub-complex $\{ C_p^I(HS), b \}_{0 \leq p}$ is a boundary in the complex $\{ C_p^\Delta(HS), b \}_{0 \leq p}$, then it is a boundary in the sub-complex $\{ C_p^I(HS), b \}_{0 \leq p}$ too. In other words, the inclusion ι induces monomorphisms in homology. This completes the proof of the Theorem 28. \square

Proposition 8. ii) and Proposition 28 imply the first part of the following

Theorem 29. i) *For any locally finite, countable, homogeneous, simplicial complex X , the continuous Hochschild homology of the algebra of Hilbert-Schmidt operators on X is isomorphic to the homology of the reduced diagonal sub-complex $\{ C_p^I(HS), b \}_{0 \leq p}$.*

ii) *The mapping $[\]$ induces an isomorphism from the sub-complex $\{ C_p^I(HS), b \}_{0 \leq p}$ to the space of simplicial chains of the complex $[X]^I$,*

-iii) *the homology of the sub-complex $\{ C_p^I(HS), b \}_{0 \leq p}$ is trivial.*

Proof. Looking back at the Theorem 17, it is clear that the mapping $[\]$ establishes also an isomorphism from the complex $\{ C_*^I(HS), b \}$ to the chain complex, with complex coefficients, of the space $[X]^I$ (see Definition 22 -ii). As the simplicial complex $[X]^I$ is a simplex, the result follows. \square

Remark 30. i) *Theorem 29 implies the triviality of the continuous Hochschild homology of the algebra of Hilbert-Schmidt operators. This result is not new, see reference after Theorem 19. In §8. we shall discuss how this result changes when we will be considering continuous Hochschild chains with small supports about the main diagonal, i.e. when we will be going to compute the local Hochschild homology of the algebra of Hilbert-Schmidt operators.*

To complete the proof of Theorem 1, we will use the sub-complex $\{ C_p^{I,loc}(HS), b \}_{0 \leq p}$ of $\{ C_p^I(HS), b \}_{0 \leq p}$ consisting of those chains which have small supports. To be able to do this, we shall observe that the quasi-isomorphisms treated in §5 and §6

$$\{ C_*(HS), b \} \longleftarrow \{ C_*^\Delta(HS), b \} \longleftarrow \{ C_*^I(HS), b \}$$

pass to the local sub-complex.

ii) *It is interesting to investigate more closely the homotopy operator \tilde{S} .*

7. ANALYTIC CONSIDERATIONS

In this section we regard the chains of the complex $C_*(HS(X))$ and we discuss both the continuity of the Hochschild boundary b and of the homotopy operators $s_{(p)}$, $S_{(p)}$ on this complex.

7.1. Continuous Hochschild Chains over the Algebra of Hilbert-Schmidt Operators. Let $\{e_\alpha^n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ be an ortho-normal basis of L_2 complex valued functions on Δ_α . Then $\{e_\alpha^i \times \bar{e}_\beta^j\}_{i,j \in \mathbb{N}}$ is an ortho-normal basis of L_2 complex valued functions on $\Delta_\alpha \times \Delta_\beta$.

Any Hilbert-Schmidt kernel on $X \times X$ is given by an L_2 -convergent series

$$(61) \quad K = \sum_{\alpha, \beta, i, j} K_{ij}^{\alpha\beta} (e_\alpha^i \times \bar{e}_\beta^j), \quad \sum_{i, j} |K_{i, j}^{\alpha\beta}|^2 < \infty$$

with complex coefficients $K_{ij}^{\alpha\beta}$.

Given the Hilbert-Schmidt operator K , the decomposition (1) is unique. A Hilbert-Schmidt operator of type $(e_\alpha^i \times \bar{e}_\beta^j)$ was called *elementary*.

The composition of two elementary Hilbert-Schmidt operators is given by

$$(62) \quad (e_\alpha^i \times \bar{e}_\beta^j) \circ (e_\gamma^k \times \bar{e}_\eta^l) = \delta^{jk} \delta_{\beta\gamma} (e_\alpha^i \times \bar{e}_\eta^l),$$

where δ^{jk} and $\delta_{\beta\gamma}$ are the Kronecker symbols.

Given two Hilbert-Schmidt kernels

$$(63) \quad K = \sum_{\alpha, \beta, i, j} K_{ij}^{\alpha\beta} (e_\alpha^i \times \bar{e}_\beta^j), \quad L = \sum_{\alpha, \beta, i, j} L_{ij}^{\alpha\beta} (e_\alpha^i \times \bar{e}_\beta^j),$$

their composition is given by the formula

$$(64) \quad K \circ L = \sum_{\alpha, \beta, i, j} K_{ij}^{\alpha\beta} L_{kl}^{\alpha\beta} \delta^{j, k} (e_\alpha^i \times \bar{e}_\beta^l) = \sum_{\alpha, \beta, \gamma}^{i, k, j} K_{ik}^{\alpha\beta} L_{kl}^{\beta\gamma} (e_\alpha^i \times \bar{e}_\beta^l),$$

i.e.

$$(65) \quad (K \circ L)_{i, l}^{\alpha, \gamma} = \sum_k^\beta K_{ik}^{\alpha\beta} L_{kl}^{\beta\gamma}$$

Definition 31. The space of continuous p -chains of the algebra of Hilbert-Schmidt operators on X is

$$(66) \quad C_p(HS)(X) :=$$

$$= \left\{ \sum_{i, j}^{\alpha, \beta} K_{i_0, \dots, i_p, j_0, \dots, j_p}^{\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_p, \beta_0, \dots, \beta_p} (e_{\alpha_0}^{i_0} \times \bar{e}_{\beta_0}^{j_0}) \otimes_C (e_{\alpha_1}^{i_1} \times \bar{e}_{\beta_1}^{j_1}) \otimes_C \dots \otimes_C (e_{\alpha_p}^{i_p} \times \bar{e}_{\beta_p}^{j_p}) \mid \right. \\ \left. \text{such that } \sum_{i, j}^{\alpha, \beta} |K_{i_0, \dots, i_p, j_0, \dots, j_p}^{\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_p, \beta_0, \dots, \beta_p}|^2 < \infty \right\}$$

The coefficients $K_{i_0, \dots, i_p, j_0, \dots, j_p}^{\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_p, \beta_0, \dots, \beta_p}$ represent the components of the L_2 -decomposition of the chain K relative to the Hilbert basis

$$(67) \quad \{(e_{\alpha_0}^{i_0} \times \bar{e}_{\beta_0}^{j_0}) \otimes_C (e_{\alpha_1}^{i_1} \times \bar{e}_{\beta_1}^{j_1}) \otimes_C \dots \otimes_C (e_{\alpha_p}^{i_p} \times \bar{e}_{\beta_p}^{j_p})\}_{\alpha, \beta, i, j}.$$

By definition, the norm of K is given by

$$(68) \quad \|K\|^2 := \sum_{i,j}^{\alpha,\beta} |K_{i_0,\dots,i_p,j_0,\dots,j_p}^{\alpha_0,\dots,\alpha_p,j_0,\dots,j_p}|^2 < \infty.$$

We discuss here the continuity property both of the Hochschild boundary and of the homotopy operators s , S defined on the spaces of continuous chains $C_p(HS(X))$.

7.2. Continuity of the Hochschild boundary. We begin by addressing the continuity property of the Hochschild boundary.

Proposition 32. -i) The series

$$(69) \quad (K \circ L)_{i,l} := \sum_k K_{ik}^{\alpha\beta} L_{kl}^{\beta\gamma}$$

is absolutely summable.

-ii) The coefficients $(K \circ L)_{i,l}$ satisfy

$$(70) \quad \sum_{i,j} |(K \circ L)_{i,l}|^2 \leq \left(\sum_{i,j} |K_{i,l}|^2 \right) \cdot \left(\sum_{i,j} |L_{i,l}|^2 \right)$$

Proof. -i) The Cauchy-Schwartz inequality gives

$$(71) \quad \sum_k |K_{ik} L_{kl}| \leq \|(K_{ik})_k\| \cdot \|(L_{kl})_k\| = \left(\sum_k |K_{ik}|^2 \right)^{1/2} \cdot \left(\sum_k |L_{kl}|^2 \right)^{1/2}$$

From -i) we get

$$(72) \quad \begin{aligned} \sum_{i,l} \left(\sum_k |K_{ik} L_{kl}| \right)^2 &\leq \sum_{i,j} \|(K_{ik})_k\|^2 \cdot \|(L_{kl})_k\|^2 = \sum_{i,l} \left(\sum_k |K_{ik}|^2 \right) \cdot \left(\sum_k |L_{kl}|^2 \right) \leq \\ &\leq \sum_{i,l} \left(\sum_k |K_{ik}|^2 \right) \cdot \left(\sum_k |L_{kl}|^2 \right) \leq \left(\sum_{i,j} |K_{ij}|^2 \right) \cdot \left(\sum_{k,l} |L_{kl}|^2 \right) = \|K\|_{HS}^2 \cdot \|L\|_{HS}^2 \end{aligned}$$

□

Recall that the Hochschild boundary $b_{(p)} : C_p(HS(X)) \longrightarrow C_{p-1}(HS(X))$ is

$$b_{(p)} = \sum_{k=0}^{p-1} b_{(p)k} + b_{(p)p}$$

where

$$b_{(p)k} = (-1)^k \partial_k^H, \text{ and } b_{(p)p} = (-1)^p \partial_p^H$$

with

$$\partial_k^H(K_0 \otimes_C K_1 \otimes_C \dots \otimes_C K_p) = K_0 \otimes_C \dots \otimes_C K_{k-1} \otimes_C (K_k \circ K_{k+1}) \otimes_C \dots \otimes_C K_p$$

and

$$\partial_p^H(K_0 \otimes_C K_1 \otimes_C \dots \otimes_C K_p) = (K_p \circ K_0) \otimes_C K_1 \otimes_C \dots \otimes_C K_{p-1}.$$

Proposition 33. *The Hochschild boundary face operators are well defined operators from the vector space $C_p(HS(X))$ of continuous Hochschild chains of the algebra of Hilbert-Schmidt operators into the space $C_{p-1}(HS(X))$ of continuous Hochschild chains of the algebra of Hilbert-Schmidt operators.*

7.3. Continuity of the Homotopy Operators s . Here we show that the homotopy operators s are well defined on the spaces of continuous Hochschild chains generated by elementary chains which contain at least one gap.

Suppose K is an elementary chain containing at least one gap. Suppose the first gap is of order r . Recall the operator $s_{(p)}(K)$ is defined by inserting the factor $(e_{\beta_r}^{j_r} \times \bar{e}_{\beta_r}^{j_r})$ inside this gap.

$$(73) \quad s_{(p)}(K) := (-1)^r (e_{\alpha_0}^{i_0} \times \bar{e}_{\beta_0}^{j_0}) \otimes_C \dots \otimes_C (e_{\alpha_r}^{i_r} \times \bar{e}_{\beta_r}^{j_r}) \otimes_C (e_{\beta_r}^{j_r} \times \bar{e}_{\beta_r}^{j_r}) \otimes_C (e_{\alpha_{r+1}}^{i_{r+1}} \times \bar{e}_{\beta_{r+1}}^{j_{r+1}}) \otimes_C \dots \otimes_C (e_{\alpha_p}^{i_p} \times \bar{e}_{\beta_p}^{j_p}).$$

Proposition 34. *The homotopy operators s satisfy*

$$(74) \quad \|sK\| = \|K\|.$$

and hence are well defined on the Hochschild sub-complex of continuous chains over the algebra of Hilbert-Schmidt operators.

Proof. -i) Let K the above chain and let $K_{i_0, \dots, i_p, j_0, \dots, j_p}^{\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_p, \beta_0, \dots, \beta_p}$ be its components. Then the components of sK are

$$(75) \quad (sK)_{i_0, \dots, i_r, j_r, i_{r+1}, \dots, i_p, j_0, \dots, j_r, j_{r+1}, \dots, j_p}^{\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_r, \beta_r, \alpha_{r+1}, \dots, \alpha_p, \beta_0, \dots, \beta_r, \beta_r, \beta_{r+1}, \dots, \beta_p} = (-1)^r K_{i_0, \dots, i_r, i_{r+1}, \dots, i_p, j_0, \dots, j_r, j_{r+1}, \dots, j_p}^{\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_r, \alpha_{r+1}, \dots, \alpha_p, \beta_0, \dots, \beta_r, \beta_{r+1}, \dots, \beta_p}.$$

We have to check that the components of sK satisfy the condition (68). This is clearly true. Indeed, the formula (75) tells us that the passage from the components of K to the components of sK involves two operations: a shift (given by the addition of two columns $(j_r, j_r, \beta_r, \beta_r)$) and the multiplication by $(-1)^r$. All other components, which do not contain the additional columns, are equal to zero. The additional columns are uniquely characterised by the choice of the *first* gap. The shift prevents non-trivial linear combinations between the components of K to produce the components of sK . These arguments prove

$$\|sK\| = \|K\|.$$

which completes the proof of the proposition. \square

7.4. Continuity of the Homotopy Operators S .

Proposition 35. *The operator $S_{(p)} : C_p^\Delta(HS(X)) \longrightarrow C_{p+1}^\Delta(HS(X))$, defined on elementary chains by the formula*

$$(76) \quad S_{(p)}[(e_{\alpha_0}^{i_0} \times \bar{e}_{\alpha_1}^{i_1}) \otimes_C (e_{\alpha_1}^{i_1} \times \bar{e}_{\alpha_2}^{i_2}) \otimes_C \dots \otimes_C (e_{\alpha_p}^{i_p} \times \bar{e}_{\alpha_0}^{i_0})] := (e_{\alpha_0}^{i_0} \times \bar{e}_{\alpha_0}^{i_0}) \otimes_C (e_{\alpha_0}^{i_0} \times \bar{e}_{\alpha_1}^{i_1}) \otimes_C (e_{\alpha_1}^{i_1} \times \bar{e}_{\alpha_2}^{i_2}) \otimes_C \dots \otimes_C (e_{\alpha_p}^{i_p} \times \bar{e}_{\alpha_0}^{i_0}),$$

satisfies

$$(77) \quad \|SK\| = \|K\|$$

and hence, it is a continuous operator.

Proof. The proof goes along the same lines as in the proof of Proposition 33.

We have

$$(78) \quad (SK)_{i_0, I, i_1, \dots, i_p, I}^{\alpha_0, \alpha_0, \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_p, \alpha_0, \alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_p, \alpha_0} = K_{i_0, i_1, \dots, i_p, i_1, \dots, i_p, i_0}^{\alpha_0, \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_p, \alpha_1, \dots, \beta_p, \alpha_0}.$$

The formula (78) tells that the passage from the components of K to the components of SK involves a shift (given by the addition of two columns $[I, \alpha_0]$ $[I, \alpha_0]$ placed on the second and third positions. All other components, which are not obtained by this procedure, are equal to zero. The shift prevents non-trivial linear combinations between the components of K to produce the components of SK . These arguments complete the proof of the proposition. \square

8. TOPOLOGICAL CONSIDERATIONS

8.1. Alexander-Spanier Co-homology. To simplify the presentation of the construction of the Alexander-Spanier co-homology $H_*^{AS}(X, G)$, we assume the spaces X are countable, locally finite simplicial complexes and G is an arbitrary commutative group.

Let $C_{AS}^p(X, G) := \{f \mid f : X^{p+1} \rightarrow G\}$, where f is an arbitrary function. Let us call any such function f a *non-localised* Alexander-Spanier p co-chain on X with coefficients in G .

The Alexander-Spanier co-boundary of f , df , is the $p+1$ co-chain given by the formula

$$(79) \quad df(x_0, x_1, \dots, x_p, x_{p+1}) = \sum_{k=0}^{k=p+1} (-1)^k f(x_0, x_1, \dots, \hat{x}_k, \dots, x_{p+1}).$$

The complex $\{C_{AS}^*(X, G), d\}_*$ is not interesting because it is *acyclic*. Formally, the acyclicity of this complex is provided by the homotopy operator \tilde{s}

$$(80) \quad (\tilde{s}f)(x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{p-1}) := f(P, x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{p-1}),$$

where P is an arbitrarily chosen point in X .

This fact may be immediately understood if we agree to think of the point (x_0, x_1, \dots, x_p) as representing the simplex $[x_0, x_1, \dots, x_p]$ having as vertices the *arbitrary* points x_0, x_1, \dots, x_p of X . The set of all such simplexes form a simplicial complex \tilde{X} in which every point of X is a vertex and any such vertices are allowed to be connected to form a simplex of this simplicial complex. Clearly, the simplicial complex \tilde{X} is an infinite (if X is an infinite set) dimensional simplex whose vertices are all points of X .

The simplicial complex \tilde{X} is, homotopically, a point. The point P in the construction of the homotopy operator \tilde{s} becomes the vertex of the cone over the simplicial complex \tilde{X} .

On the other side, obviously, any non-localised Alexander-Spanier p co-chain f is a simplicial co-chain of the simplicial complex \tilde{X} with coefficients in G . The Alexander-Spanier co-boundary df is nothing but the usual coboundary of this simplicial co-chain.

The basic idea of the Alexander-Spanier co-homology is to consider a *sub-complex* \tilde{X}^{loc} of the simplicial complex \tilde{X} . A simplex $[x_0, x_1, \dots, x_p]$ will be allowed to belong to this sub-complex provided the points x_0, x_1, \dots, x_p are sufficiently close one to each other, i.e. iff they belong to a tubular neighbourhood U_{p+1} of the main diagonal $\nabla_X^{p+1} := \{(x, x, \dots, x) \mid \text{for any } x \in X\} \subset X^{p+1}$, for any p . Such a sub-complex will be denoted by \tilde{X}_U . Let \tilde{U} be the collection of such neighbourhoods.

We assume that tubular neighbourhoods U_{p+1} are compatible, i.e., that by removing any component point x_k of a point in U_{p+1} one gets a point in U_p . This could be realised, for example, by choosing a distance function on X and allow the points x_0, x_1, \dots, x_p to belong to U_{p+1} provided their mutual distances do not exceed a sufficiently small fixed number $0 < \epsilon$.

The sub-complex \tilde{X}_U has X as a deformation retract. Therefore the sub-complexes \tilde{X}_U are homotopically equivalent to the original simplicial complex X and hence they have isomorphic simplicial co-homologies.

Let us denote the simplicial co-chain complex associated to the sub-complex \tilde{X}_U by $\{C_{AS}^{U,*}(X, G), d\}_*$. Therefore, its homology is isomorphic to the simplicial homology of the complex X .

Definition 36. Any co-chain $f \in C_{AS}^{U,p}(X, G)$ will be called *U-local Alexander-Spanier co-chain*.

The tubular neighbourhoods U form an inductive system by declaring $U \preceq V$ iff $V \subseteq U$.

Let $C_{AS}^*(X, G)$ denote the projective limit of the complexes $\{C_{AS}^{U,*}(X, G), d\}$ with respect to this filtration.

Definition 37. Any co-chain belonging to the complex $C_{AS}^p(X, G)$ is called an *Alexander-Spanier co-chain of degree p*.

As all cohomology complexes $C_{AS}^p(U, G)$ have isomorphic homologies, compatible with the deformation retractions discussed above, one gets the

Theorem 38. (Alexander-Spanier) For any countable, locally finite simplicial complex X , the homology of the Alexander-Spanier complex $C_{AS}^*(X, G)$ is canonically isomorphic to the simplicial co-homology $H^*(X, G)$.

If the space X does not have an additional analytical structure (differential structure, e. g.), any Alexander-Spanier co-homology *class* is the homology class $[f]$ of a function $f \in C_{AS}^{U,p}(X, G)$. Its support may be chosen in an arbitrarily small neighbourhood U of the diagonal.

However, if X does possess a differentiable structure, then already at the level of co-chains f , it is possible to associate with f a de Rham differential form $DR(f)$, see e.g. [2]

$$(81) \quad DR(f) := \frac{\partial^p f(x_0, x_1, \dots, x_p)}{\partial x_1^{i_1}, \partial x_2^{i_2}, \dots, \partial x_p^{i_p}} | \nabla_p dx_1^{i_1} \wedge dx_2^{i_2} \wedge \dots \wedge dx_p^{i_p}.$$

Theorem 39. *The mappings DR form a co-chain homomorphism which induces an isomorphism from the Alexander-Spanier co-homology to the de Rham cohomology of X .*

Remark 40. *If the space X possesses a sufficiently regular differentiable structure (at least C^2), then any Alexander-Spanier co-homology class $[f]$ may be represented by a closed differential form $DR(f)$ by going to the diagonal, where this differential form lives, and therefore, entering the classical differential geometry.*

If the space X does not possess a sufficiently regular analytical structure (as e.g. a C^2 -differentiable structure), then Alexander-Spanier co-homology classes of degree p may not be represented by classical differential forms. They can, however, be represented by arbitrary functions (even not continuous), with support in an arbitrarily small tubular neighbourhood of the diagonal ∇_{p+1} . These are examples of elements in the non-commutative geometry of X .

If the space X possesses intermediate analytical structures, e.g. a Lipschitz structure, one may consider the Whitney complex consisting of measurable, bounded differential forms, with measurable, bounded exterior derivatives, see e.g. [9]. If the manifold X has a quasi-conformal structure, then the manifold possesses differential forms whose components satisfy weaker conditions, see e.g. [5], [3]. Both, in the Lipschitz and quasi-conformal case, the corresponding differential forms live in the classical differential geometry, i.e. they live on the diagonals ∇ , although their components are defined almost everywhere and are discontinuous. In these two situations, the DR -homomorphisms are defined provided the corresponding Alexander-Spanier co-chains f belong to the projective tensor products of the algebra of Lipschitz, resp. the Royden algebra, see Connes-Sullivan-Teleman [3] for more details.

8.2. Alexander-Spanier Homology. The Alexander-Spanier homology is dual to the Alexander-Spanier co-homology.

Formally, an Alexander-Spanier chain γ of degree p with coefficients in the commutative group G would be an *infinite* formal sum

$$(82) \quad \gamma = \sum_{[x_0, x_1, \dots, x_p]} \gamma_{[x_0, x_1, \dots, x_p]} [x_0, x_1, \dots, x_p],$$

where $\gamma_{[x_0, x_1, \dots, x_p]} \in G$.

The Alexander-Spanier boundary of γ would be

$$(83) \quad \partial\gamma = \sum_{k=0}^{k=p} (-1)^k \sum_{[x_0, x_1, \dots, x_p]} \gamma_{[x_0, x_1, \dots, x_p]} [x_0, \dots, \hat{x}_k, \dots, x_p].$$

Although infinite chains (82) could be considered in a homology theory, if X is an infinite set, the boundary $\partial\gamma$ does not make sense because the coefficient of the simplex $[x_0, \dots, \hat{x}_k, \dots, x_p]$ would be given by an infinite sum with respect of $x_k \in X$.

The meaning of the formula (83) could be recovered provided the infinite sum would be replaced by an integral.

Definition 41. A real/complex Alexander-Spanier chain γ of degree p on the space X is a real/complex valued Lebesgue integrable function γ on X^{p+1} with support in a tubular neighbourhood of the diagonal $\nabla_X \in X^{p+1}$.

Let $C_p^{AS}(X)$ denote the set of all Alexander-Spanier p -chains on X .

The Alexander-Spanier k^{th} boundary face $\partial_{(p)k}^{AS}\gamma$ of γ is

$$(84) \quad (\partial_{(p)k}^{AS}\gamma)(x_0, \dots, x_{p-1}) := \int_X \gamma(x_0, \dots, x_{k-1}, t, x_k, \dots, x_p) d\mu(t)$$

The Alexander-Spanier boundary of the chain γ is

$$(85) \quad \partial_{(p)}^{AS}\gamma := \sum_{k=0}^{k=p} (-1)^k \partial_{(p)k}^{AS}\gamma.$$

The directed system of neighbourhoods of the diagonal U discussed in the previous sub-section §8.1. lead to a projective system of complexes $\{C_*^{AS}, \partial_*^{AS}\}_*$.

Definition 42. A real/complex Alexander-Spanier chain on the space X is by definition any element of the complex $\{C_*^{AS}, \partial_*^{AS}\}_*$.

Theorem 43. (Alexander-Spanier) The homology of the real/complex Alexander-Spanier complex of X , $\{C_*^{AS}, \partial_*^{AS}\}_*$, is isomorphic to the singular real/complex homology of X .

Proposition 44. Let X be a countable, locally finite simplicial complex of dimension n and let $\{\Delta_\alpha\}_\alpha$ denote its n -dimensional simplices. Suppose μ is a Lebesgue measure on X such that each simplex Δ_α has measure 1

$$(86) \quad \int_{\Delta_\alpha} 1 d\mu = 1.$$

Let G be an arbitrary Abelian group and let $C_{(p)}^{AS}(X, G)$ be the set of all G -valued Alexander-Spanier p -chains on X which are constant on each poly-top $\Delta_{\alpha_0} \times \Delta_{\alpha_1} \times \dots \times \Delta_{\alpha_p}$.

Then $\{C_{(*)}^{AS}(X, G), \partial^{AS}\}_*$ is a complex and its homology is the singular (simplicial) homology $H_*(X, G)$.

Proof. The Alexander-Spanier homology is a homology functor. The five-lemma applied onto the inclusion of the CW-homology complex of X into the Alexander-Spanier complex completes the argument. \square

Remark 45. The condition (86) is not important for the overall homology result and may be easily removed accordingly.

8.3. Isomorphism between $\{C_*^{I,loc}, b\}_*$ and $\{C_{(*)}^{AS}(X, G), \partial^{AS}\}_*$, $G = R$, or C .

Definition 46. The space of local chains in $C_{(p)(HS)}^I$ is by definition $C_{(p)(HS)}^{I,loc}$ consisting of all chains $K \in C_{(p)(HS)}^I$ whose supports lay in a tubular neighbourhood of the diagonal $\nabla_X \in X^{p+1}$.

Recall that any $K \in C_{(p)}^{I,loc}(HS(X))$ has the expression

$$(87) \quad K = \sum_{\alpha_0, \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_p} K^{\alpha_0, \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_p} (e_{\alpha_0}^I \times \bar{e}_{\alpha_1}^I) \otimes_C (e_{\alpha_1}^I \times \bar{e}_{\alpha_2}^I) \otimes_C \dots \otimes_C (e_{\alpha_p}^I \times \bar{e}_{\alpha_0}^I),$$

where $K^{\alpha_0, \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_p}$ are real or complex numbers.

The corresponding chain $[K]$ is given by formula (37), in which all indices $i_k = I$

$$(88) \quad [K] = \sum_{\alpha_0, \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_p} K^{\alpha_0, \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_p} [\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_p, \alpha_0],$$

and the repeated index I was omitted.

Recall that the formula (40) states

$$(89) \quad [bK] = \partial[K].$$

Now we are going to interpret the simplicial chain $[K]$ as an Alexander-Spanier p -chain $\{K\} \in C_p^{AS}(X, G)$ ($G = R, C$). To do this, we agree to think of this function as taking the constant value $K^{\alpha_0, \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_p}$ on the poly-top $\Delta_{\alpha_1} \times \Delta_{\alpha_2} \times \dots \times \Delta_{\alpha_p} \times \Delta_{\alpha_0}$.

Theorem 47. -i) Suppose each simplex Δ_α has measure 1, see formula (86). Then

$$(90) \quad \partial_{(p)k}^{AS}\{K\} = \partial_{(p)k}[K], \text{ for any } 0 \leq k \leq p.$$

Therefore,

$$(91) \quad \partial^{AS}\{K\} = \partial[K].$$

-ii) If the supports of the chains of $\{C_*^{I,loc}, b\}_*$ lay in a tubular neighbourhood of the diagonals ∇_p , for any p , then the homology of the complex $\{C_*^{I,loc}, b\}_*$ is isomorphic to the Alexander-Spanier homology $H_*^{AS}(X)$.

Proof. -i) It is sufficient to prove formula (85). One has

$$\begin{aligned} (92) \quad \partial_{(p)k}^{AS}\{K\}(x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{p-1}) &:= \int_X \{K\}(x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{k-1}, t, x_k, \dots, x_{p-1}) d\mu(t) = \\ &= \sum_{\alpha_0, \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_p} K^{\alpha_0, \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_p} \int_X \chi_{\alpha_0}(x_0) \dots \chi_{\alpha_{k-1}}(x_{k-1}) \chi_{\alpha_k}(t) \chi_{\alpha_{k+1}}(x_k) \dots \chi_{\alpha_p}(x_{p-1}) d\mu(t) = \\ &= \sum_{\alpha_0, \alpha_1, \dots, \hat{\alpha}_k, \dots, \alpha_p} \sum_{\alpha_k} K^{\alpha_0, \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_p} \chi_{\alpha_0}(x_0) \dots \chi_{\alpha_{k-1}}(x_{k-1}) \chi_{\alpha_{k+1}}(x_k) \dots \chi_{\alpha_p}(x_{p-1}) = \\ &= \partial_{(p)k}\{K\}(x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{p-1}). \end{aligned}$$

where χ_Δ are characteristic functions.

Part -i) implies -ii). □

9. CONTROL OF THE SUPPORTS OF HOCHSCHILD CHAINS.

In this section we are going to show that if the triangulation of the space X is sufficiently fine, then the quasi-isomorphisms treated in §5 and §6

$$(93) \quad \{ C_*(HS), b \} \longleftarrow \{ C_*^\Delta(HS), b \} \longleftarrow \{ C_*^I(HS), b \}$$

pass to the *local* sub-complexes. The computation of the homology of the sub-complex $\{ C_*^{I,loc}(HS), b \}$ will complete the proof of Theorem 1.

We remark that the Hochschild boundary b as well as the homotopy operators s and S discussed in §6.1. and §6.2. send continuous Hochschild chains which have *small support* about the diagonal into chains of the same type. For the purpose of controlling the support of Hochschild chains we introduce the *diameter* of chains (see Definition 48 below).

Assume for simplicity that X is connected. We say that the *simplicial distance* between the top dimensional simplexes Δ_α and Δ_β is d provided d is the minimum number of 1-simplices needed to connect a vertex of the simplex Δ_α with a vertex of the simplex Δ_β .

The simplicial distance leads to an increasing filtration of the space of elementary chains.

Definition 48. *Given the elementary chain*

$$K = (e_{\alpha_0}^{i_0} \times \bar{e}_{\beta_0}^{j_0}) \otimes_C \dots \otimes_C (e_{\alpha_p}^{i_p} \times \bar{e}_{\beta_p}^{j_p}).$$

we define its diameter

$$(94) \quad \text{Diam}(K) := \text{maximal simplicial distance between the simplices } \Delta_{\alpha_0}, \dots, \Delta_{\alpha_p}, \Delta_{\beta_0}, \dots, \Delta_{\beta_p}$$

Definition 49. *For any natural number N , let $C_p(HS(X))_N \subset C_p(HS(X))$ be*

$$(95) \quad C_p(HS(X))_N := \{ K \mid K = \sum_{\alpha_0, \beta_0, \dots, \alpha_p, \beta_p}^{i_0, j_0, \dots, i_p, j_p} K_{i_0, j_0, \dots, i_p, j_p}^{\alpha_0, \beta_0, \dots, \alpha_p, \beta_p} (e_{\alpha_0}^{i_0} \times \bar{e}_{\beta_0}^{j_0}) \otimes_C \dots \otimes_C (e_{\alpha_p}^{i_p} \times \bar{e}_{\beta_p}^{j_p}), \\ \text{Diam}(e_{\alpha_0}^{i_0} \times \bar{e}_{\beta_0}^{j_0}) \otimes_C \dots \otimes_C (e_{\alpha_p}^{i_p} \times \bar{e}_{\beta_p}^{j_p}) \leq N. \}$$

A chain belonging to $C_p(HS(X))_N$ will be called N -local.

In particular, the simplicial distance leads to an increasing filtration of the space of Hilbert-Schmidt operators $HS(X)_N$

$$(96) \quad HS(X)_N := \sum_{\alpha, \beta, i, j} K_{ij}^{\alpha\beta} (e_\alpha^i \times \bar{e}_\beta^j), \quad \text{Diam}(e_\alpha^i \times \bar{e}_\beta^j) \leq N.$$

It is clear that

$$(97) \quad HS(X)_m \circ HS(X)_n \subset HS(X)_{m+n+1}.$$

Definition 50. *Let N be any natural number such that the supports of the chains of the complex $C_*(HS)_N$ lay in a tubular neighbourhood of the diagonals ∇_p , for any p . Define*

$$(98) \quad C_*^\Delta(HS)_N := C_*^\Delta(HS) \cap C_*(HS)_N$$

$$(99) \quad C_*^I(HS)_N := C_*^I(HS) \cap C_*(HS)_N.$$

Proposition 51. *The Hochschild boundary operator b , as well as the homotopy operators s and S , do not increase the diameter of the chains.*

Therefore, the homotopy operators s , S are well defined in the corresponding complexes $C_(HS)_N$, $C_*^\Delta(HS)_N$, $C_*^I(HS)_N$.*

Theorem 52. *Let N be any natural number with the property that the supports of the chains of the complex $C_*(HS)_N$ lay in a tubular neighbourhood of the diagonals ∇_p , for any p . Then*

$$(100) \quad \{ C_*(HS)_N, b \} \longleftarrow \{ C_*^\Delta(HS)_N, b \} \longleftarrow \{ C_*^I(HS)_N, b \} \longrightarrow \{ C_*^{AS}(X)_N, \partial \}$$

are quasi-isomorphisms.

Proof. The notion of gap passes to the *local* spaces $C_*(HS)_N$. Therefore, the splitting stated by Proposition 7 continues to hold in these spaces.

The operator s continues to satisfy the identity (22), so that Proposition 8 holds inside the complex $\{ C_*(HS)_N, b \}$ too. These prove that the first arrow of (100) is a quasi-isomorphism.

The S continues to satisfy the identity (33) of Proposition 13 inside the complex $\{ C_*^\Delta(HS)_N, b \}$. The algebraic modifications discussed in the proof of Proposition 27 may be carried out inside the sub-complex $\{ C_*^I(HS)_N, b \}$. Therefore, the second arrow of the relation (100) is a quasi-isomorphism.

The discussion made in §8.3. passes to sub-complexes $\{ C_*^I(HS)_N, b \}$, $\{ C_*^{AS}(X)_N, \partial \}$. Theorem 47 remains valid in these contexts. These prove that the last arrow of the relation (100) is a quasi-isomorphism. This completes the proof of the theorem. \square

Theorem 52. implies the following result

Theorem 53. *Let $HS(X)$ denote the algebra of real/complex Hilbert-Schmidt operators on the countable, locally finite, homogeneous, simplicial complex X of dimension N .*

Let N be any natural number with the property that the supports of the chains of the complex $C_(HS)_N$ lay in a tubular neighbourhood of the diagonals ∇_p , for any p .*

Then the homology of the Hochschild sub-complex

$$(101) \quad \{ C_*(HS)_N, b \}$$

is isomorphic to the real/complex Alexander-Spanier homology of X

$$(102) \quad H_*^{AS}(X)$$

10. LOCAL HOCHSCHILD HOMOLOGY OF THE ALGEBRA OF HILBERT-SCHMIDT OPERATORS.

10.1. Preliminaries. We discuss here the *local* Hochschild homology of the algebra of Hilbert-Schmidt operators on the simplicial complex X , see §4.1. Recall that *local* Hochschild and cyclic homology were introduced in [10] as a tool to set up the index theorem in a more natural environment. To begin with, for this reason, we are interested in describing this notion primarily on the algebra of *quasi-local, bounded operators on a Hilbert space of*

L₂-sections in vector bundles. This class of operators contains pseudo-differential operators and integral operators.

To start this argument we assume that the n -dimensional simplicial complex X is embedded in an Euclidean space. Let r be the induced metric on X .

As explained in §4.1., any Hilbert-Schmidt operator on X is defined by its kernel $K : X \times X \rightarrow C$. The space of Hilbert-Schmidt operators on X is filtrated by the support of its elements. We have seen in §7.1. that the description of the elements of the Hochschild complex over this algebra involves real/complex valued L_2 -functions over $(X \times X)^{p+1}$. In §9. we introduced a filtration of the Hochschild chains based on the simplicial structure of X . This filtration has its own interest.

In this section we are going to introduce a new filtration based on the size of the support measured in terms of *distance to the diagonal*.

Definition 54. Let $P = (x_0, y_0) | x_1, y_1 |, \dots, | x_p, y_p) \in (X \times X)^{p+1}$. Define the distance from the point P to the main diagonal $\nabla_X^{2(p+1)}$ by

$$(103) \quad r((x_0, y_0), (x_1, y_1), \dots, (x_p, y_p), \nabla_X^{p+1}) := \max_{k=0}^{p+1} \{r(x_k, y_k), r(y_k, x_{k+1})\}. \quad (x_{p+1} := x_0)$$

Let ϵ be any positive number. Let

$$(104) \quad U_\epsilon^{2(p+1)} := \{P \mid P \in (X \times X)^{p+1}, r(P) < \epsilon\}.$$

Denote by $HS(X)_\epsilon$ the set of all Hilbert-Schmidt operators whose kernel have support in $U_\epsilon^{2(p+1)}$. The main idea of *local* Hochschild homology is to consider the homology of the sub-complex of the Hochschild complex consisting of chains which have small support about the diagonal. For chains of degree zero we intend elements of $HS(X)_\epsilon$ with ϵ small. Smoothing operators with arbitrarily small support appear in the Connes-Moscovici local index theorem [2] and they hold the topological information relating to the index formula.

Looking for chains of degree p which have small support about the diagonal $\nabla_X^{2(p+1)}$, we start by considering elements of $\otimes_C^{p+1} HS(X)_\epsilon$. For any element in this set, for any point in its support, one has $r(x_k, y_k) < \epsilon$, for any $0 \leq k \leq p$. For the elements in this set there is, so far, no condition on the distances $r(y_k, x_{k+1})$. The support (Supp) of $K_0 \otimes K_1 \otimes, \dots, \otimes K_p$ is $\text{Supp}(K_0) \times \text{Supp}(K_1) \times, \dots, \times \text{Supp}(K_p)$. To insure that the support of this element is small about the diagonal $\nabla_X^{2(p+1)} := \{(x, x, \dots, x) \in (X \times X)^{p+1}\}$, we impose also the conditions $r(y_k, x_{k+1}) < \epsilon$, for any $0 \leq k \leq p$. Now we are in the position to define precisely the ϵ -local Hochschild chains in the completed Hochschild complex.

Definition 55. An ϵ -local Hochschild chain of degree p is by definition an element of

$$(105) \quad C_p(HS(X))_\epsilon := \{K \mid K \in C_p(HS(X)), \text{Supp}(K) \subset U_\epsilon^{2(p+1)}\}.$$

Multiplying Hilbert-Schmidt operators increases their support. For any natural numbers k_1, k_2

$$(106) \quad HS(X)_{k_1\epsilon} \circ HS(X)_{k_2\epsilon} \subset HS(X)_{(k_1+k_2)\epsilon}.$$

Given that the multiplication of Hilbert-Schmidt operators increases the support (106), the vector spaces $C_p(HS(X))_\epsilon$ satisfy

$$(107) \quad b C_p(HS(X))_\epsilon \subset C_p(HS(X))_{2\epsilon}.$$

To simplify the notation, we write $C_p(HS(X))_\epsilon = C_{p,\epsilon}$

Definition 56. For any $0 < \epsilon$ we define

$$(108) \quad \begin{aligned} H_p^\epsilon(HS(X)) &:= \\ &= \frac{Ker b : C_{p,\epsilon} \rightarrow C_{p,2\epsilon}}{\{Im b : C_{p+1,k\epsilon} \rightarrow C_{p,2k\epsilon}\} \cap \{Ker b : C_{p,\epsilon} \rightarrow C_{p,2\epsilon}\}}, \quad 2 \leq k, \end{aligned}$$

where k is fixed number.

For any $\epsilon' < \epsilon$ one has $C_{p,\epsilon'} \subset C_{p,\epsilon}$ and therefore there is an induced mapping in homology $\Delta(\epsilon, \epsilon') : H_p^{\epsilon'}(HS(X)) \rightarrow H_p^\epsilon(HS(X))$

$$(109) \quad \begin{aligned} \Delta(\epsilon, \epsilon') : & \frac{Ker b : C_{p,\epsilon'} \rightarrow C_{p,2\epsilon'}}{\{Im b : C_{p+1,k\epsilon'} \rightarrow C_{p,2k\epsilon'}\} \cap \{Ker b : C_{p,\epsilon'} \rightarrow C_{p,2\epsilon'}\}} \longrightarrow \\ & \longrightarrow \frac{Ker b : C_{p,\epsilon} \rightarrow C_{p,2\epsilon}}{\{Im b : C_{p+1,k\epsilon} \rightarrow C_{p,2k\epsilon}\} \cap \{Ker b : C_{p,\epsilon} \rightarrow C_{p,2\epsilon}\}} \end{aligned}$$

Definition 57. The local Hochschild homology of the algebra of Hilbert-Schmidt operators is given by the formula

$$(110) \quad H_p^{loc}(HS(X)) := \underset{\epsilon \searrow 0}{Proj Lim} H_p^\epsilon(HS(X))$$

10.2. Distance Control of Supports vs. Simplicial Control. The Result. Let $K \in C_{p,\epsilon}(HS(X))$, $0 \leq p \leq n = \dim X$.

We intend to look here on the size of the support of K after all algebraic modifications used in §5 and §6 are performed. To this purpose notice that the Hochschild boundary b doubles the "diameter" of chains, see (107). On the other side, the homotopy operators s , (see §6.1) and S , (see §6.2), do not modify the size of the support.

We chose an ϵ . We suppose that the diameter of each of the simplices Δ_α is less than ϵ . If this condition is not satisfied, we consider a higher order barycentric sub-division. The condition (86) of Proposition 44 changes by replacing the measure 1 of each simplex by a constant, depending only on the number of barycentric sub-divisions. To avoid further complications of the homological picture, we may assume that for each maximal simplex Δ_α the chosen function I_α is a normalised constant function, see Definition 22, §6.3. With these precautions taken, the elementary chains belong to $C_{p,\epsilon}(HS(X))$.

For any $K \in C_{p,\epsilon}(HS(X))$ the decomposition (17) of Proposition 7. holds.

Given that the homotopy formulas (22) and (33) involve only once the Hochschild boundary, Lemma 9. and Proposition 33. hold inside $C_{p,2\epsilon}(HS(X))$. The operator θ_p is available in the space $C_{p,2\epsilon}(HS(X))$.

Furthermore, the Proposition 27. involves the operator θ_p raised to the maximum power $p + 1$.

To summarise, we may state that all considerations made in the §6 hold in the vector spaces $C_{p,2p+2\epsilon}(HS(X))$. The connection between the *local* Hochschild homology and the Alexander-Spanier homology discussed in §9 holds provided the supports of the chains sit inside a tubular neighbourhood of the diagonal. Now we are in the position to state the

Theorem 58. *Let X be any countable, locally finite, homogeneous simplicial complex of dimension n . Let r be a distance function, see §10.1.*

Let ϵ be a positive number. Suppose each maximal dimension simplex of X has diameter less than ϵ .

Let p be a natural number. Suppose the simplicial decomposition of X is sufficiently fine so that the set

$$(111) \quad U_{2p+2\epsilon}^{2(p+1)} \text{ is a tubular neighbourhood of the diagonal.}$$

Then

$$(112) \quad H_p^{loc}(HS(X)) \text{ is naturally isomorphic to } H_p^{AS}(X).$$

The condition (111) tells us that in order to prove Theorem 1 we need to consider a sufficiently fine decomposition of the simplicial complex X before the constructions made in §5 and §6 start. This modification does not change the Hilbert-Schmidt algebra; it only changes the representation of its elements. This completes the proof of Theorem 1.

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